Losses Suffered by AI

1993. SHRI PREME CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Air India is on the brink of turning sick by losing almost Rs. 1.0 crore a day;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Air India is losing Rs. 1.0 crore per day and losing its share day by day;

(c) whether it is a fact that it has 700 people per aircraft which is the highest percentage of manpower per aircraft; and

(d) if so, what are Government's views and plans to counter this situation?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) No. Sir. The net losses of Air India during the years 1997-98 and 1998-99 were Rs. 181.01 crores and Rs. 174.48 crores respectively.

(c) As on 30.11.1999, the number of employees per aircraft was 696.

(d) The steps taken by Air India Ltd. are:

(i) closing down of uneconomical stations and downsizing the officers; (ii) a reducing number of staff and establishment costs at Indian/Toreign stations; (iii) re-deployment of staff in India and abroad; (iv) freeze on external recruitment in non-operational categories; (v) introduction of leave without pay and allowance scheme for a period of two years extendable upto five years; and (vi) rolling back of retirement age from 60 to 58 years.

Revision of Retirement age of IA Employees

1994. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the retirement age in Indian Airlines